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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

The Accompanying Application

Applicants : Charles Jack Fisher et al.  
 For : METHODS FOR TREATING SEPSIS  
 Docket No. : X-12444A

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the accompanying application as follows:

**In the Specification**

Please insert the following new first paragraph:

This case is a continuation of U.S. Serial  
 No. 09/425,181 filed October 22, 1999, <sup>now U.S. Patent No. 6,344,197</sup> which claims the  
 benefit of provisional application 60/105,239 filed  
 October 22, 1998.

**In the Claims**

Please add the following new claims 16-32 and cancel  
 Claims 1-15.

--16. A method of treating a human patient with sepsis  
 which comprises, administering a continuous infusion of

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